

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, and 10-16 remain in this application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 15 were allowed and Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Canterbury in view of Serizawa. On page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner suggested that independent Claims 12-14 could be amended by changing of the word "comprising" to the phrase "consisting essentially of" or to recite the particle sizes set forth in allowed Claim 11, to overcome the stated rejection over Canterbury in view of Serizawa.

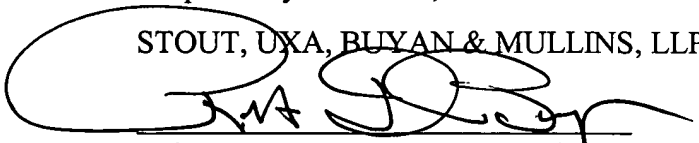
By the present amendment, Applicant has followed the Examiner's suggestion. Specifically, Claim 12 has been amended to change the word "comprising" to the words --consisting essentially of--. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to include the particle sizes recited in the allowed claim 11. New claim 16 is dependent from the allowed claim 11 and includes a feature of the allowed claim 15. Therefore, no new issue has been introduced and all claims are in condition for allowance.

A certified copy the priority document is enclosed herewith.

It is submitted that the foregoing amendment raises no new issues that would require further consideration or searching and clearly places all claims in condition for allowance. Thus, entry of this amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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